

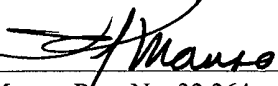
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Examiner: J. Spear

Title: **INTERMEDIATE RELEASE NICOTINIC ACID  
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Transmitted herewith for filing, please find the following:

- (1) First Supplemental Amendment dated December 2, 1999; and
- (2) Return postcard.


To the extent any fees are due, including any extension of time fee for five months and any new claim fees, as a result of the First Supplemental Amendment filed herewith for which payment has not been made, the Assistant Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge such fees to our deposit account 50-0951/ 20720-95586. A duplication of this Transmittal paper is submitted herewith. A small entity status has been filed in this case.

If the Examiner should have any questions or require additional information or clarification, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the attorney of record herein, Peter J. Manso, at the phone numbers noted below at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,  
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